(b) The National Dairy Development Board reported that its Executive Committee at its meeting held in April, 1987 decided to appoint M/s. Capital Contract Private Limited, Bombay, as public relations consultant for a period of one year on a retainer-ship basis at Rs. 4,000/- per month and their travel expenses for N.D.D.B.'s work.

News about the death of Kishore Kumar on Calcutta Doordarshan

2110. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Doordarshan did not announce the news about the death of famous singer Kishore Kumar in their Bengali News on the day of its occurrence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unlike the Delhi Doordarshan, no film featuring Kishore Kumar was shown on the following Sunday by the Calcutta Doordarshan;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The news of the death of Shri Kishore Kumar was not received by Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta due to some fault in the teleprinter line. Complete news of cremation and last rites was, however, telecast on the next day i.e. the 14th Oct, 1987. An obituary programme on Kishore Kumar was also telecast on 20th October. 1987. Various songs sung by Kishore Kumar and a number of family-photographs were included in this programme.

(b) to (d) The film 'Chalti Ka Nam Gadi' was telecast on the National Net work on 18-10-87. However, a Bengali film featuring Kishore Kumar could not be telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta as the Eastern India Motion Picture Association refused to give any such film despite request by Calcutta Doordarshan.

Demolition of houses in village Akrola, Delhi

2111. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation and the Delhi Development Authority have launched an operation in Akrola village to demolish unauthorised structures spread over 40 hectares;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these structures -were in existence since 1970;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they had been given water and power connection by the Corporation and were paying house tax; and

(d) if so, whether proper notices were given to them before ordering demolition and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Missing of Fishermen

2112. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per existing practice if only four fishermen are found missing in the fishing operation in sea, Government initiate salvage operation by aerial search;